DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

2021 RESERVED DEER HUNT INFORMATION

Application Period July 15 – August 15

Michigan Department of Natural Resources – Michigan.gov/DNR
Information also available at Michigan.gov/Deer - Click "*Reserved Deer Hunts.*"

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (DRIWR) is a federal wildlife refuge managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and is located with **Deer Management Unit (DMU) 082 in Wayne County. DMU 082** is defined in the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order, Chapter 12, Sec. 12.73b, available at Michigan.gov/Hunting.

A limited number of reserved deer hunting access permits are available for nine archery-only antlerless deer hunts within the Humbug Marsh Unit of DRIWR. **Harvest is limited to antlerless deer only.** Hunt applicants will be selected by random drawing. Any leftover access permits will be issued to hunters after the drawing on a first-come, first-served basis until quotas are met. **Access permits are not transferable**.

Your reserved deer hunt access permit is not a hunting license or kill tag. Hunters must possess the appropriate access permit AND appropriate deer license(s) to harvest deer in DMU 082 and must follow all 2021 statewide deer hunting regulations as well as rules and regulations established for the DRIWR reserved hunts.

NOTE: You must have a DRIWR reserved deer hunting access permit to hunt deer at Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

Read this information carefully before you apply for a reserved deer hunt access permit. Some hunt periods are subject to special restrictions and eligibility requirements.

Location and Contact Information

- **Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (DRIWR),** 5437 West Jefferson Ave., Trenton, MI 48183.
    - For assistance, contact the USFWS Office, 5437 West Jefferson Ave., Trenton, MI 48183. Online at fws.gov/refuge/detroit_river.

How to Apply for a Reserved Deer Hunt Access Permit

- Review hunt choices and area map on pages 4 and 5. Choose one hunt number.
- Hunt applicants choose a specific hunt date and hunt zone when they apply for a permit.

- **If applying for a Zone A hunt, DO NOT apply in a partnership**. Zone A applications that are part of a partnership will not be eligible in the drawing due to quota limits.

- ***Important*: Some reserved deer hunts are reserved for applicants who meet specific eligibility requirements.** See page 2 before you apply.
- You may apply for one reserved deer hunt access permit from July 15 – August 15 at any license agent, DNR Customer Service Center, or online at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses. There is a $5 non-refundable application fee. You will need one of the following forms of customer identification:
  - Valid Michigan driver's license
  - Valid nonresident driver's license
  - State of Michigan ID card (issued by Secretary of State)
  - DNR Sportcard (issued by license agents or online at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses)
- A base license and a deer license are required to obtain an access permit. A base license is not required to apply for the permit drawing.
- **You are responsible for obtaining a legible DNR application receipt with your correct customer ID and hunt choice.** Verify information on the receipt and retain as proof of application. Application errors must be corrected before the application deadline. Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.

Drawing results will be posted online at Michigan.gov/Deer on August 30.
Applicants must obtain their drawing results online at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses
Refuge-specific hunt information will be provided by Detroit River IWR to selected applicants through U.S. mail after the drawing.
For assistance, contact DRIWR at DetroitRiver@fws.gov.

Eligibility Criteria for Reserved Deer Hunts at Detroit River IWR

An individual wishing to participate in DRIWR restricted hunting days (*) shall be eligible to apply for a reserved deer hunt access permit if **ONE** of the following applies:

- The individual possesses a Michigan Department of State Disability Parking Placard.
- The individual possesses a Michigan DNR permit to hunt from a standing vehicle.
- The individual is a veteran with 100 percent disability as defined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. **Documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating 100 percent disability shall be in the possession of a veteran participating in restricted hunting days.**
- The individual is a resident rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable. **Documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating an individually unemployable rating shall be in the possession of a veteran participating in restricted hunting days**.
- The individual is blind as defined by section 1 of 1978 PA 260, MCL 393.351.
- The individual possesses a Michigan DNR permit to hunt using a laser sighting device.

Successful Drawing Applicants and Leftover Access Permits

Successful applicants may obtain their reserved deer hunt access permit from any DNR license agent or online at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses.

- Access permits obtained online will be sent to the hunter in a confirmation email (scroll to second page). There is no fee for the permit.
- **Access permits will NOT be mailed to successful applicants.**

Any leftover access permits will be issued to hunters after the drawing on a first-come, first-served basis beginning **Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. EST** and may be obtained from any DNR license agent or online at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses.

- Any hunter is eligible for one leftover access permit, including those who also obtained a permit as a successful applicant in the drawing. There is no fee for a leftover access permit.

Reminders:

- **Your reserved deer hunt access permit is not a kill tag.** Hunters must possess deer license(s) valid for DMU 082 and follow all 2021 statewide deer hunting regulations as well as the local rules and regulations established for the DRIWR reserved hunts.
- Youth hunters 10-16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years old. Youth under 10 years old who are hunting under the Mentored Youth Hunting License must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 21 years old. Additional restrictions apply; see Michigan.gov/MentoredHunting for details.
- For more information, refer to the 2021 Michigan Hunting Digest, available at Michigan.gov/Hunting under "Rules and Regulations", or the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge permits page. Hunters are also encouraged to review the Wildlife Conservation Order for a complete listing of hunting regulations and legal descriptions.

Detroit River IWR Hunt Zones (See Figure 1, Color-Keyed Map)

Hunt Zone	Description of Area Open to Hunting
A*	**Non-Ambulatory Accessible - Reserved for hunters with disabilities.** Hunting is from a Refuge-installed ground blind. Limited to one hunter. If selected, hunter will be allowed to bring ONE non-hunting person to assist. Leftover permits available for hunters with disabilities only.
B	**Mainland white-tailed deer hunt area, south of the Handler Drain.** Limited to three hunters. Hunting is only allowed from Refuge-installed ground blinds and tree stands. Game retrieval may require a sled or cart.

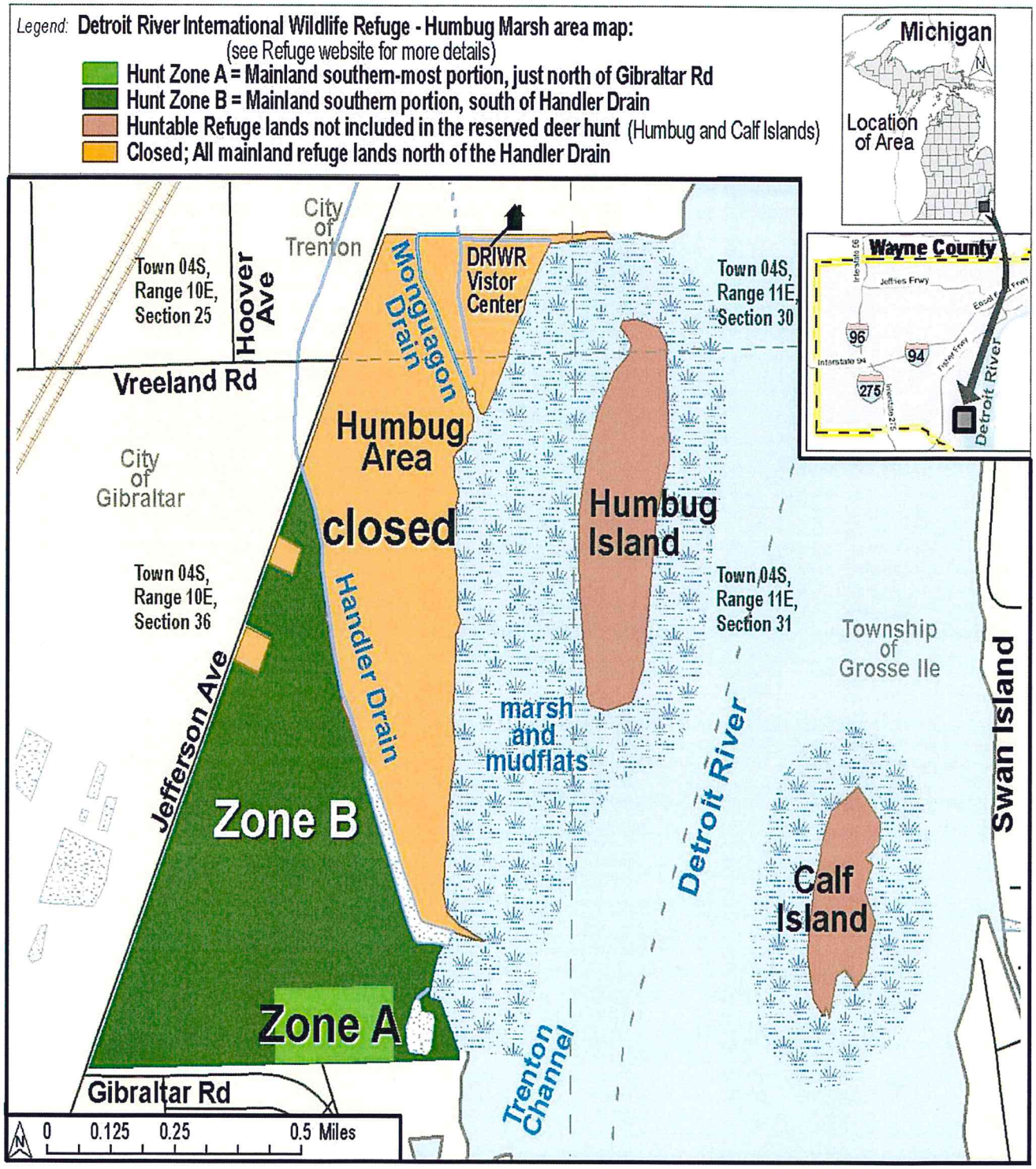

Figure 1: Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Zone Map. See page 5 for application hunt choices. Additional information and detailed maps are available online. View office details and other information at Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

Detroit River IWR (DMU 082) Hunt Choices

You may apply for one hunt choice only.

Hunt Zone	Season Dates	Permit Type	Hunt Type	Permits Available	***Hunt Number***
A	Oct. 1 – Oct. 3 (Youth Hunt)	Antlerless*	Archery*	1	***0301****
B	Oct. 1 – Oct. 3 (Youth Hunt)	Antlerless	Archery	4	***0302***
A	Oct. 8 – Oct. 10	Antlerless*	Archery*	1	***0303****
B	Oct. 8 -Oct. 10	Antlerless	Archery	4	***0304***
A	Oct. 15 – Oct. 17	Antlerless*	Archery*	1	***0305****
B	Oct. 15 – Oct. 17	Antlerless	Archery	4	***0306***
A	Oct. 22 – Oct. 24	Antlerless*	Archery*	1	***0307****
B	Oct. 22 – Oct. 24	Antlerless	Archery	4	***0308***
A	Oct. 29 – Oct. 31	Antlerless*	Archery*	1	***0309****
B	Oct. 29 – Oct. 31	Antlerless	Archery	4	***0310***
A	Nov. 5 – Nov. 7	Antlerless*	Archery*	1	***0311****
B	Nov. 5 – Nov. 7	Antlerless	Archery	4	***0312***
A	Nov. 12 – Nov. 14	Antlerless*	Archery*	1	***0313****
B	Nov. 12 – Nov. 14	Antlerless	Archery	4	***0314***
A	Nov. 19 – Nov. 21	Antlerless*	Archery*	1	***0315****
B	Nov. 19 – Nov. 21	Antlerless	Archery	4	***0316***
A	Nov. 26 – Nov. 28	Antlerless*	Archery*	1	***0317****
B	Nov. 26 – Nov. 28	Antlerless	Archery	4	***0318***

** Restricted hunting days for individuals with qualifying disabilities. See page 2 for more information.*

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Frequently Asked Questions about 2021 Humbug Marsh Lottery Deer Hunt

1. **How do I apply for the Humbug Marsh lottery deer hunt?**
   a) You may apply for one Reserved Deer Hunt Access Permit from **July 15 – August 15** at any license agent, DNR Customer Service Center, or online at E-License. (*See list of hunt dates below.*) Under "Select a Category" chose "Deer Reserved Hunt." It costs $5 to apply. You will need one of the following forms of customer identification:
      - Valid Michigan driver's license
      - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
      - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or online at E-License).

   b) Applicants are responsible for obtaining a MDNR application receipt that correctly states their Customer ID and hunt choice. Verify all information on the receipt and retain as proof that you applied. Ensure any application errors are corrected before the application deadline. Do not accept a receipt that is not legible. Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.

   c) Drawing results will be posted at Michigan.gov/Deer on August 30, 2021. Hunters are responsible for checking results on their own.

2. **Will there be free leftover Refuge Reserved Deer Hunt Access Permits available after the lottery?**
   Yes. Any hunter, regardless if they were successfully chosen through the lottery, is eligible for one free leftover DRIWR permit for the 2021 deer season. Leftover DRIWR Reserved Deer Hunt Access Permits, if available, may be obtained on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. ET. They are available at any license agent, DNR Customer Service Center, or online at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses. There is no fee for this leftover permit.

3. **Am I allowed to hunt with a partner?**
   Zone A hunts are limited to one hunter only. Do not apply for Zone A with a partner. However, if selected, you may bring another non-hunting individual with you to assist.

   Zone B applicants may apply alone OR in a partnership with one other person. The first applicant of each partnership chooses a hunt date and receives a "party ID" number, which is printed on their receipt. A new party ID number is issued each year. The other person in the party will need this party ID when applying to complete the partnership. Verify that the party ID is identical on both applications. If selected, you may NOT add a hunting partner after the application period.

4. **Are there special youth hunts?**
   Yes, the first hunt of the season (October 1-3, 2020) is set aside for youth hunters 16 years of age and younger. Participating hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old. The adult must be a licensed hunter if they also plan to hunt. All participants must wear hunter orange. No baiting allowed.

   If selected, youth are permitted at the remaining hunts. Youth aged 10-16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. Youth less than 10 that are hunting under the Mentored Youth Hunting License must be accompanied by an adult that is at least 21 years of age. Additional restrictions apply; see Michigan.gov/MentoredHunting for details.

5. **How do I know if I am chosen for the hunt through the lottery?**
   Drawing results will be posted at Michigan.gov/Deer on August 30, 2021. Hunters are responsible for looking up results. If chosen for a leftover permit (if available), you will receive your permit at the time of purchase (*September 7 at 10 a.m. ET*)

6. **What are the hunt dates I can chose from?**
   - Friday, October 1 – Sunday, October 3 (Youth Hunt)
   - Friday, October 8 – Sunday, October 10
   - Friday, October 15 – Sunday, October 17
   - Friday, October 22 – Sunday, October 24
   - Friday, October 29 – Sunday, October 31
   - Friday, November 5 – Sunday, November 7
   - Friday, November 12 – Sunday, November 14 (*You can use archery equipment during gun season however all state regs regarding gun season must be followed: Must wear hunters (blaze) orange and may not use a combo kill tag, or regular kill tag to tag an antlerless deer*)
   - Friday, November 19 – Sunday, November 21 (*You can use archery equipment during gun season however all state regs regarding gun season must be followed: Must wear hunters (blaze) orange and may not use a combo kill tag, or regular kill tag to tag an antlerless deer*)
   - Friday, November 26 – Sunday, November 28 (You can use archery equipment during gun season however all state regs regarding gun season must be followed: Must wear hunters (blaze) orange and may not use a combo kill tag, or regular kill tag to tag an antlerless deer)

7. **How many hunts am I eligible for?**
   a) One three-day hunt through the lottery, if you are selected.
   b) One three-day hunt leftover permit, if available.
   c) Short answer = two, three-day hunts (six days total).

   To harvest antlerless deer during a DRIWR managed deer hunt, you must possess a DRIWR Reserved Deer Hunt Access Permit (through the lottery or as a leftover permit) plus either of the following:
   a) Antlerless deer license for DMU 082;
   b) Deer or Deer Combo license (Important: Deer or Deer Combo licenses are not valid for DRIWR hunts 0313 – 0318); or
   c) A universal antlerless deer license. Beginning in 2021, hunters may purchase up to 10 of these universal antlerless deer licenses that can be used anywhere in the Lower Peninsula and some parts of the Upper Peninsula. ($20 each)

   Once you use any one of these licenses as a kill tag, it is no longer a valid hunting license.

8. **I do not want to use my either sex kill tag on an antlerless deer at Humbug Marsh.**
   See Question #7 response c.

9. **How many deer can I take during the hunt(s)?**
   Consult state regulations. It depends on which licenses/kill tags you possess. You can use any tag

you have for DMU 082 that can be used to legally harvest an antlerless deer. For example:

a) Archery license = one antlerless kill tag + 10 universal antlerless deer licenses for $20 each.
b) Combo license = two antlerless kill tags + 10 universal antlerless deer licenses for $20 each.

10. Am I allowed to bring my own tree stand?

For the safety of everyone hunting, hunters in Zone A will be assigned one refuge installed ground hunting blind. Each hunter, or hunting pair, in Zone B will be assigned one refuge installed ground hunting blind and one refuge installed tree stand. Hunters have their choice of which to use during each hunt day. One chair will be provided in each blind. If you plan to hunt with your partner, in the same blind, please bring a second chair. The tree stands hold two hunters.

11. Are there special hunts reserved for hunters with disabilities?

Zone A is reserved for hunters with disabilities. Hunters will use the refuge installed ground hunting blind (*blind is wheelchair accessible*). No tree stands are allowed in this zone. Limited to one hunter. Selected hunters may bring another non-hunting individual with you to assist. Leftover permits available for hunters with disabilities only.

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a) The individual possesses a Michigan Department of State Disability Parking Placard.
b) The individual possesses a Michigan DNR permit to hunt from a standing vehicle.
c) The individual is a veteran with 100 percent disability as defined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating 100 percent disability shall be in the possession of a veteran participating in restricted hunting days.
d) The individual is a resident rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable. Documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating an individually unemployable rating shall be in the possession of a veteran participating in restricted hunting days.
e) The individual is blind as defined by section 1 of 1978 PA 260, MCL 393.351.
f) The individual possesses a Michigan DNR permit to hunt using a laser sighting device.

12. How will I receive information regarding parking, scouting and hunt blind location?

Refuge-specific hunt information will be provided by Detroit River IWR to selected applicants through U.S. Mail after September 7, 2020.

13. Where on the refuge are the hunt zones?

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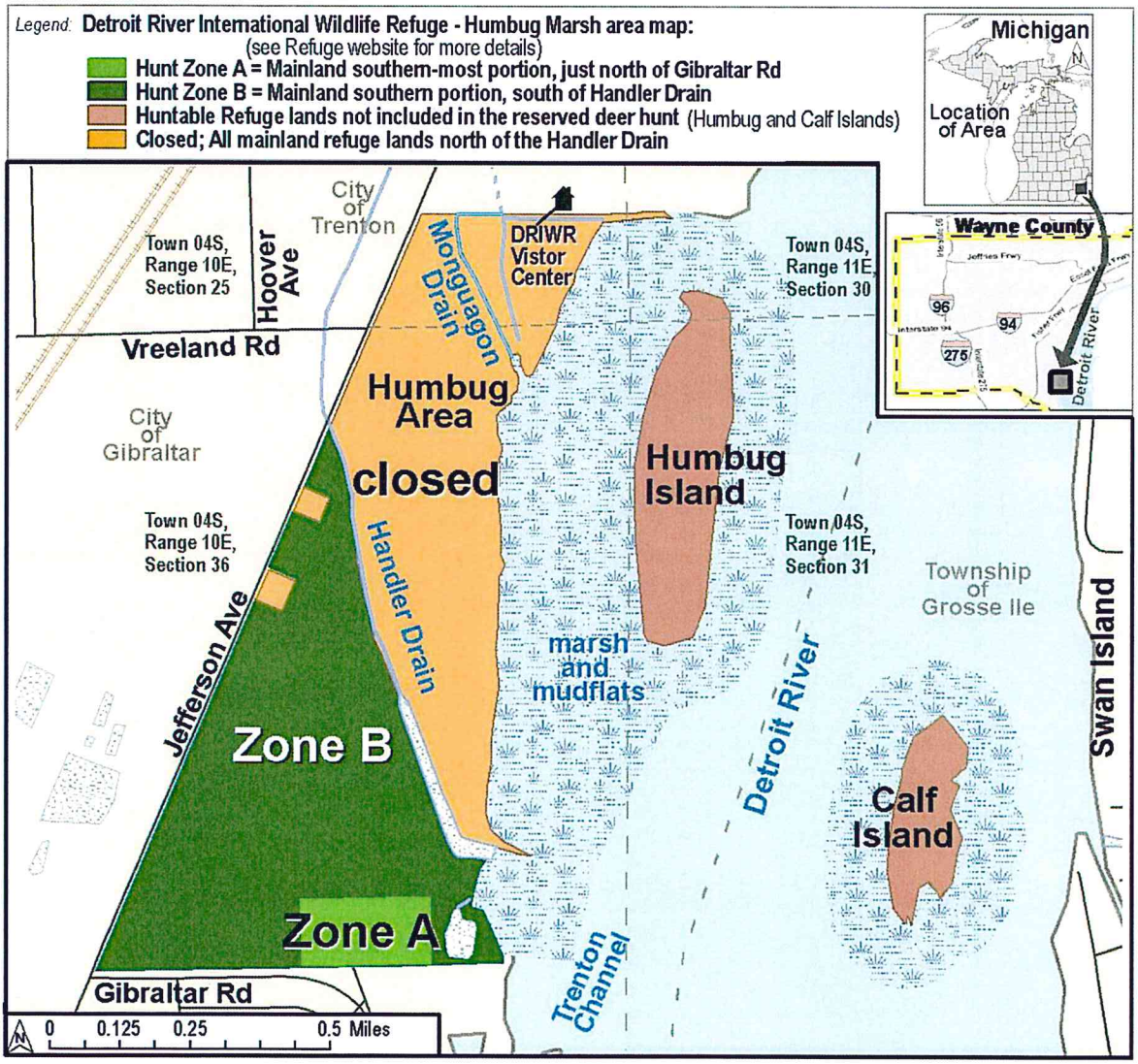
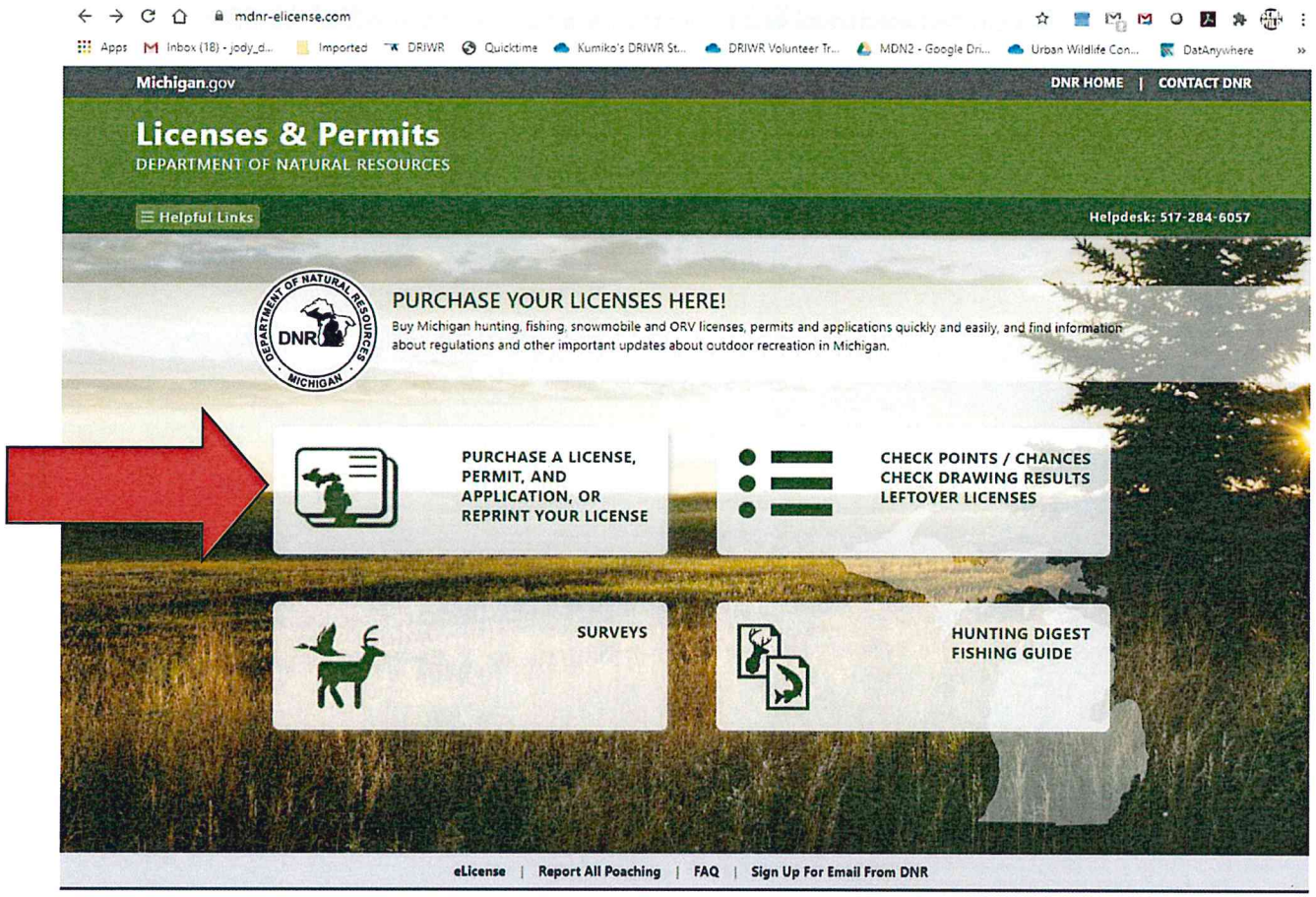


14. **I have additional questions, who should I ask?**

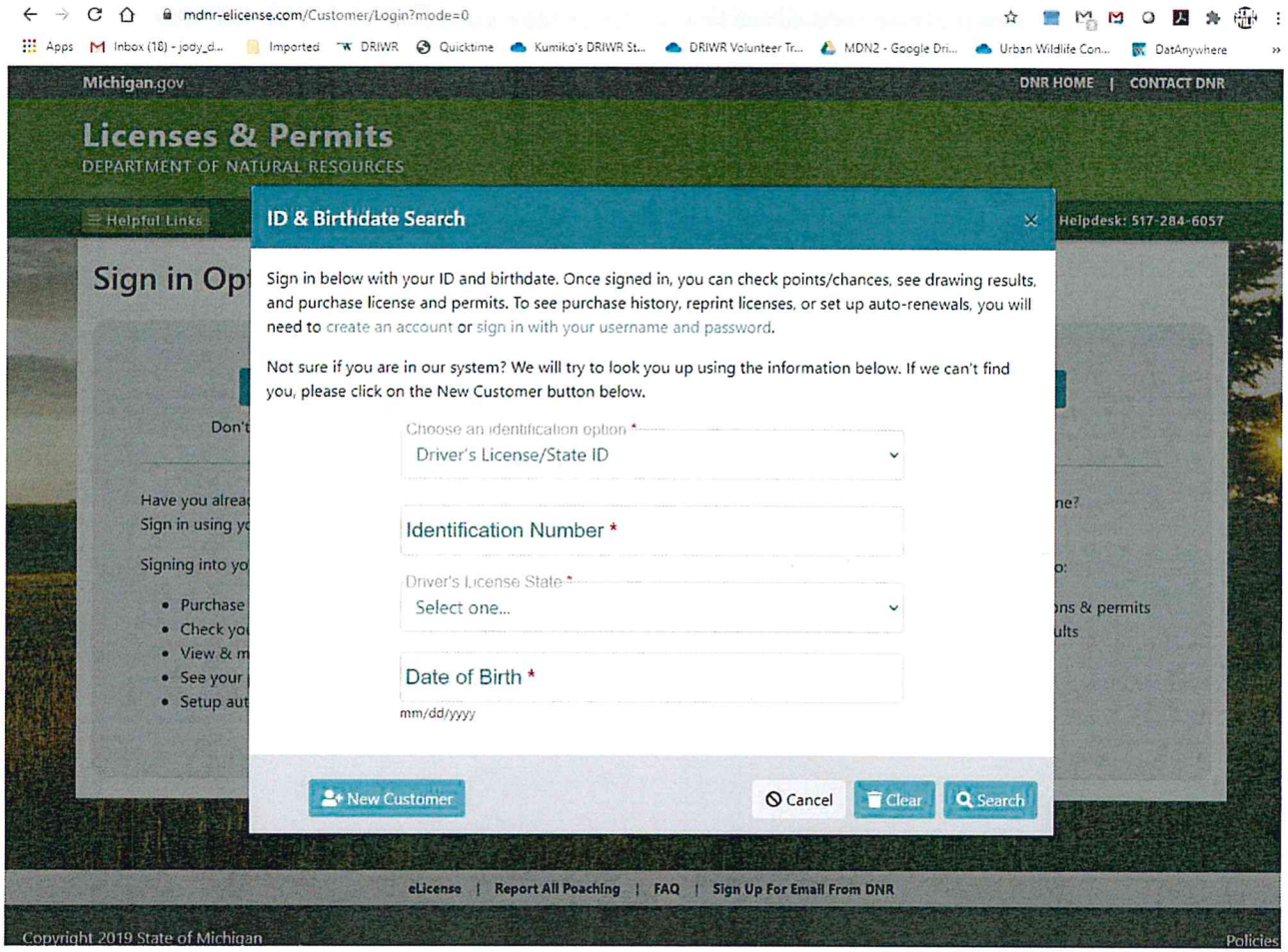
Visitor Services manager, Jody DeMeyere, 734-288-6458
Law Enforcement Officer, Doug Briggs, 989-280-2468
Law Enforcement office, Clay Hamilton, 419-707-4514

Step by Step Instructions for MDNR E-License Web Site

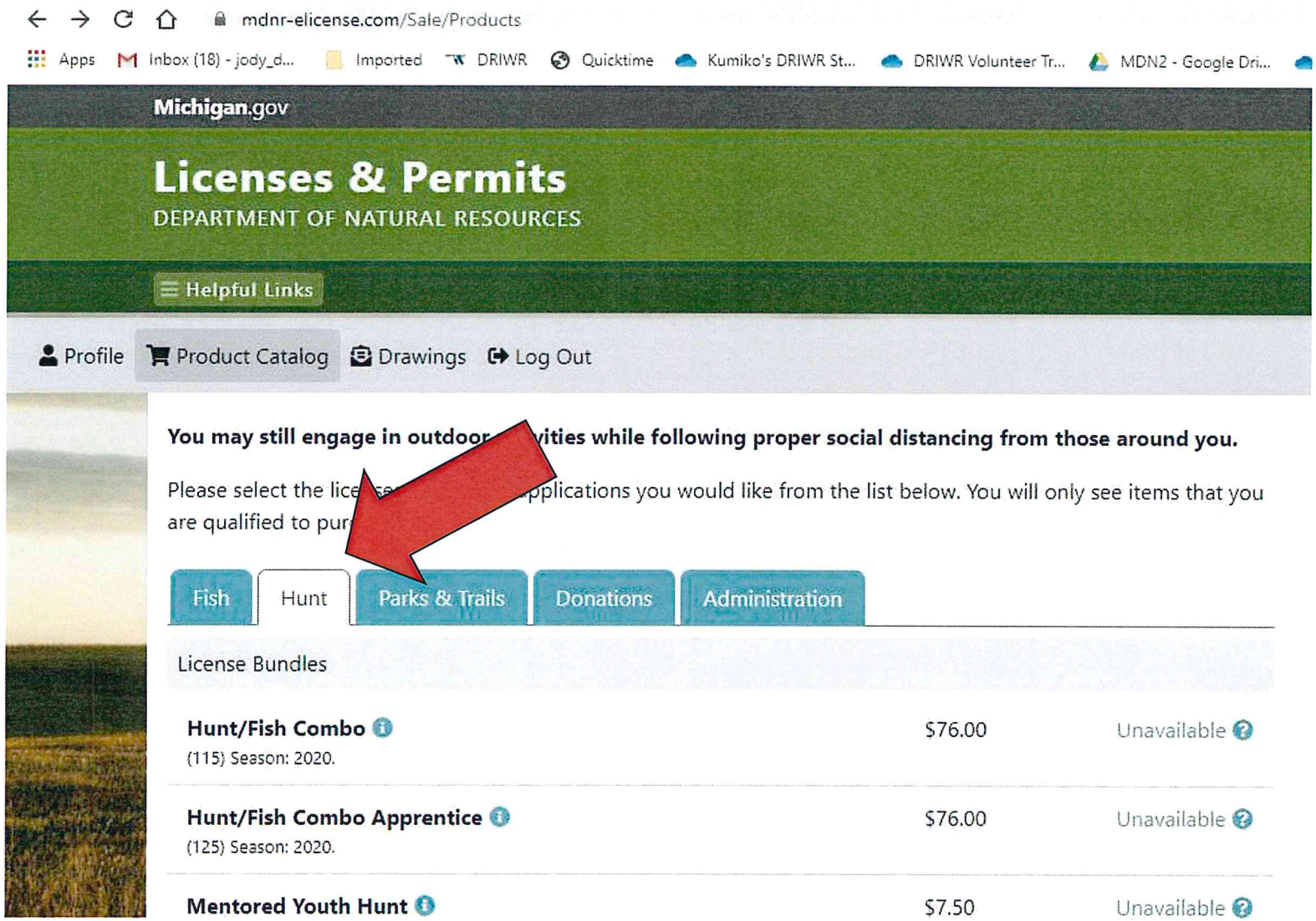
Step #1:
Go to www.mdnr-elicense.com
Click on Purchase a License, Permit, and Application, or Re-Print Your License.



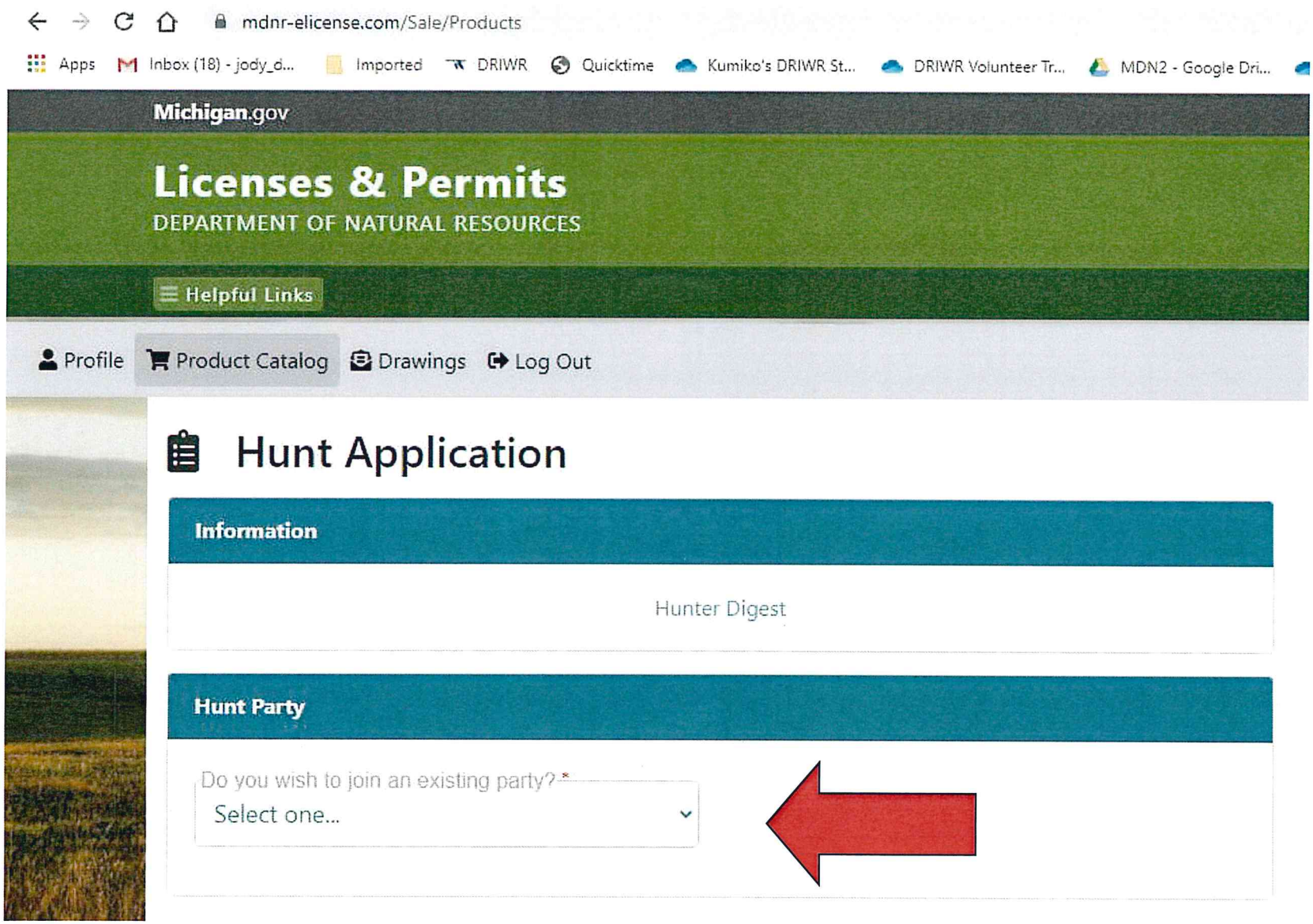
Step #2:
Fill in your personal information.



Step #3:
Select the hunt tab and then scroll down and choose Deer Reserved Hunt.



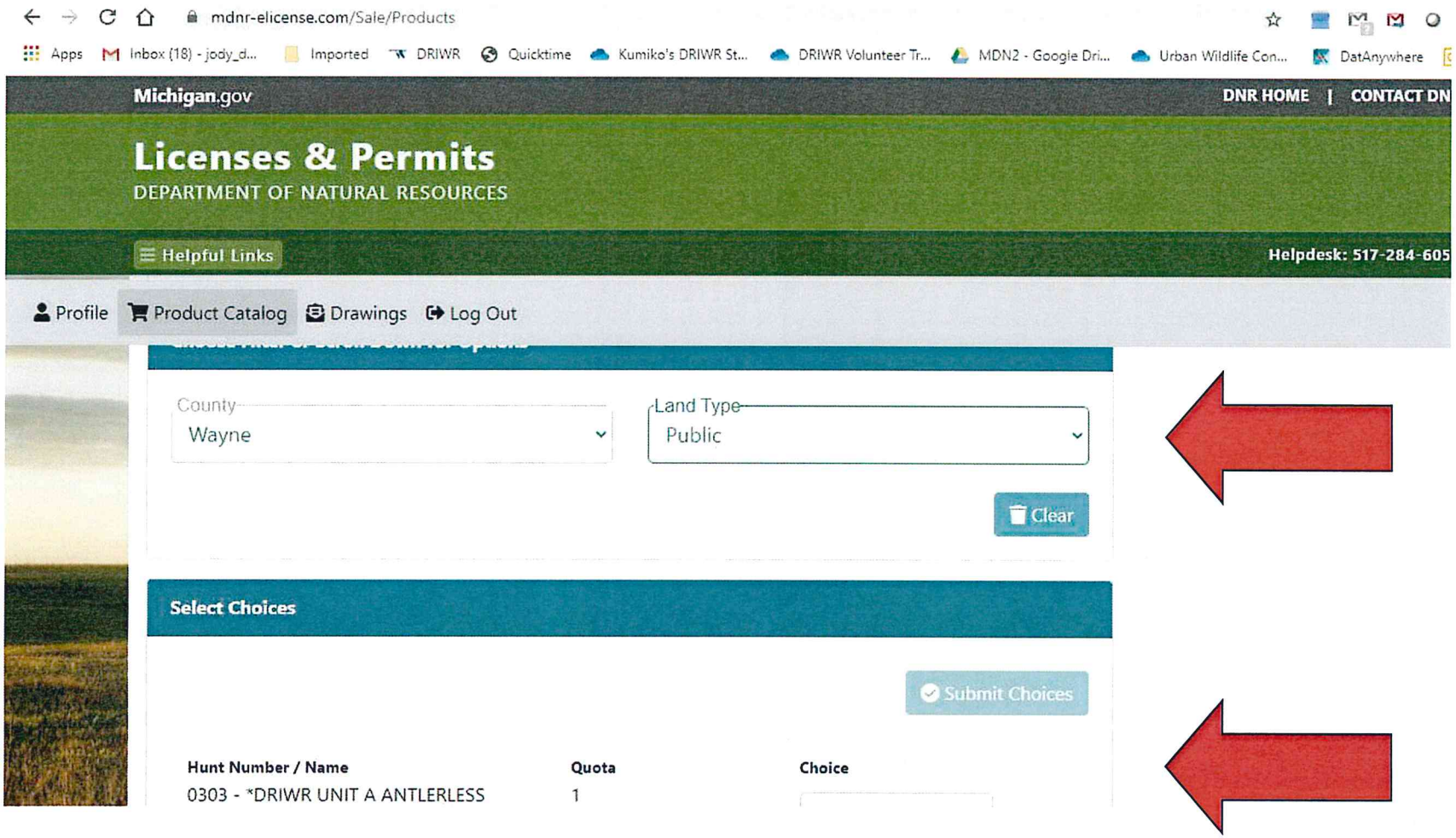
Step #4:
If you plan to hunt with a partner who already has a party ID, select yes and type in party ID.
If you are hunting alone or the first hunter in the party, select no.



Step 5:

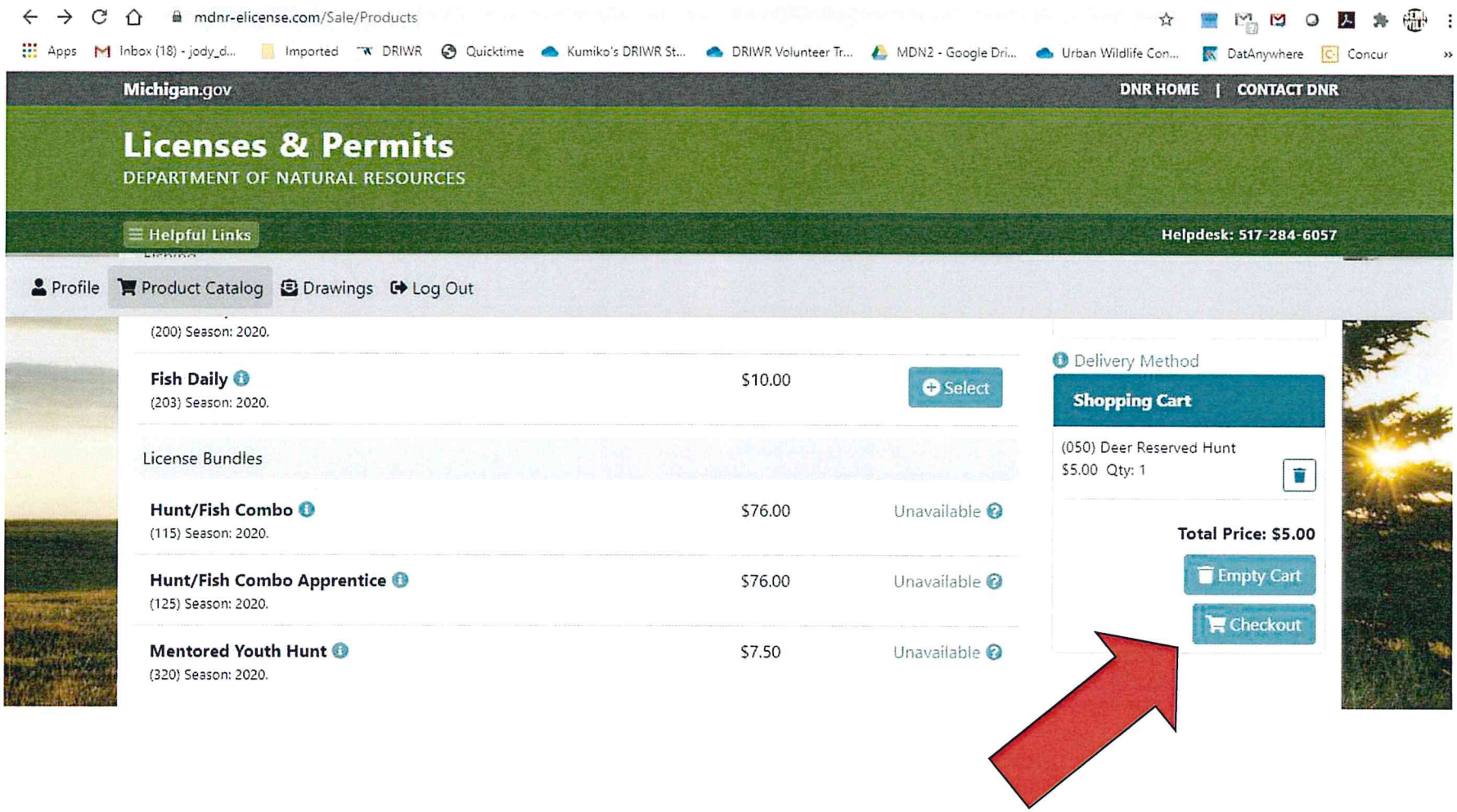
Fill in the filters: County = Wayne and Land Type = Public

Choose your hunt date from the list. You are only allowed one choice. DRIWR hunt numbers range from 301 – 318. Each hunt number is a different date and zone. Zone A is for Non-Ambulatory Accessible (reserved for hunters with disabilities).



Step #5:

You do not need a hunting license in order to apply for the Reserved Deer Hunt. You will need one if you are selected. The system gives you the option to purchase the license now or go to checkout.



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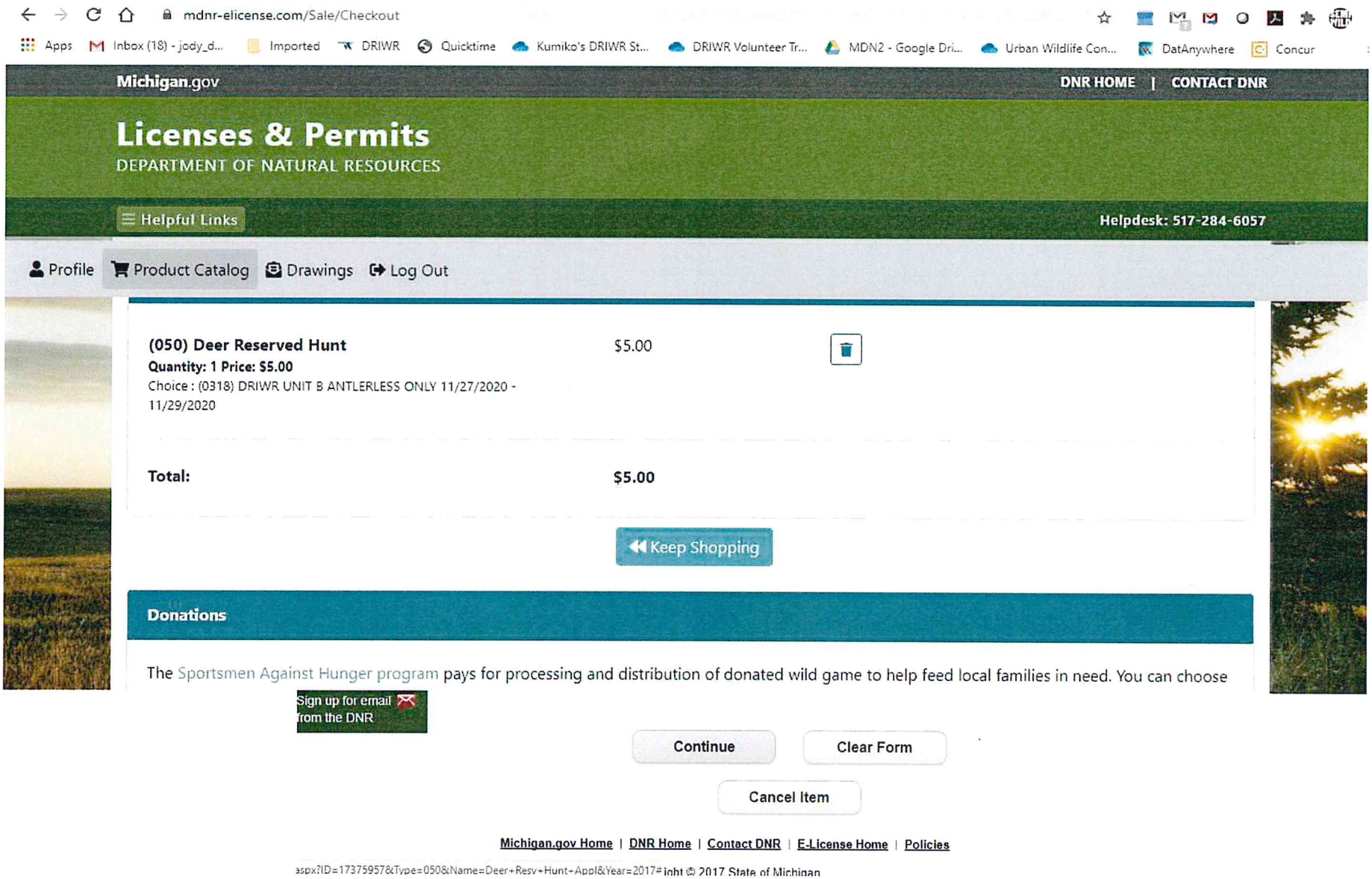
Confirm the correct items are in your shopping cart and continue following the prompts for checkout. You will need a credit card to make the final $5.00 purchase of the Reserved Deer Hunt application.